

FIRST YEAR CHARTS

FOR JAZZ ENSEMBLE



Mercy, Mercy, Mercy

JOE ZAWINUL

Arranged by MIKE STORY

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor	1st Trombone
1st E♭ Alto Saxophone	2nd Trombone (Optional)
2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone	3rd Trombone (Optional)
1st B♭ Tenor Saxophone	Guitar Chords
2nd B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Optional)	Guitar (Optional)
E♭ Baritone Saxophone (Optional)	Piano
1st B♭ Trumpet	Bass
2nd B♭ Trumpet	Drums
3rd B♭ Trumpet (Optional)	

Optional/Alternate Parts

C Flute
B♭ Clarinet
Vibraphone
Tuba (Doubles Bass)
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Mercy, Mercy, Mercy was written in 1966 by legendary jazz keyboardist and composer Joe Zawinul for the fabulous Cannonball Adderley Quintet. One of the most recognizable melodies in all of jazz, the tune is set in a very soulful jazz style. The tempo is marked at MM=100; however, as your ensemble progresses with the piece, you may wish to take it slightly faster. I suggest not to exceed MM=100, as the unique soulful groove will be lost. Keep it relaxed!

The feel is straight-eighths, not a swing feel. The (optional) guitar comping should be basic quarter notes. Strum from the elbow; giving a bright, swinging sound that propels the rhythm section forward. Don't strum from the wrist or fingers, as playing from the wrist or fingers tends to sound very forced, and also tends to drag instead of propel the rhythm.

For the ensemble, the eighth notes played by the rhythm section are played long and as even eighths—don't rush. Practice with a metronome! The ensemble release in measure 20 should be on beat 3. Clean releases will make your band sound more polished and mature sounding. The ritard at the end should be gradual and not too dramatic.

As in all jazz music, correctly observing all articulations is extremely important for the overall success of the performance. Specifically the articulation and syncopation in measure 9, which is to be articulated long-long-short-long, and so on. The tenutos are full value, the staccatos are short but not clipped or too short, and the *marcato* or rooftop accents are accented and detached—think “daht.”

There are optional parts included for Flute, Clarinet, F Horn, Baritone T.C./Tenor Sax, Tuba, and Vibraphone.

The section at measure 21 features a simple piano solo that is completely written out; however, simple chord symbols are included to encourage some improvisation if desired.

I hope that you and your ensemble find *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy* to be an exciting musical experience!

Enjoy!

—Mike Story



**Mike
Story**

Mike Story has written extensively for junior high, high school, and college school groups as well as for professional groups including the Houston Pops Orchestra. He is a solid and dynamic writer with more than 750 compositions to his name. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from the University of Houston (TX).

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MERCY, MERCY, MERCY

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MODERATE ROCK - STRAIGHT EIGHTHS ♩ = 100

C FLUTE

B♭ CLARINET
(OPTIONAL)

1ST E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

2ND E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

1ST B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

2ND B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE
(OPTIONAL)

E♭ BARITONE SAXOPHONE
(OPTIONAL)

1ST B♭ TRUMPET

2ND B♭ TRUMPET

3RD B♭ TRUMPET
(OPTIONAL)

1ST TROMBONE

2ND TROMBONE
(OPTIONAL)

3RD TROMBONE
(OPTIONAL)

GUITAR
(OPTIONAL)

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

RIDE Cym.
Toms

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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MERCY, MERCY, MERCY

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TP. 1

TP. 2

TP. 3

TEN. 1

TEN. 2

TEN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

9

10

11

12

13

14

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MERCY, MERCY, MERCY

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPTR. 1

TPTR. 2

TPTR. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

15

16

17

18

19

20

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To CODA

SOLO

FILL

F#m7

Gm7

Cm7

Bb Cm7

Bb Cm7

21

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

END SOLO

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D.C. AL CODA

MERCY, MERCY, MERCY

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

37

38

39

40

FLUTE

CLAR.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

41

42